

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jung, U.S. Patent No. 6,177,301.

Claim 1 provides that the elongated grains are divided into at least two regions, each of the grains having a length of approximately half of a width of a laser beam used to form the grains. This feature of claim 1 is supported by page 9, lines 11-19, of the specification.

Jung nowhere discloses, teaches, or suggests grains of a polycrystalline silicon island divided into at least two regions, each of the grains having a length of approximately half of a width of a laser beam used to form the grains. Specifically, Fig. 7A, referred to by the Examiner, as showing such grains, 73 (Office Action, page 3, lines 1-3), shows all such grains extending across a single region, and Jung does not indicate the relationship between the length of the silicon grains 73 and the laser beam forming them as claimed in claim 1.

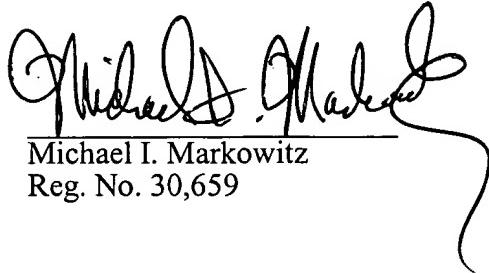
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An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance, as well as those claims dependent therefrom. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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